

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MAY 15, 2007

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:08 P.M. in the Cal Brand Meeting Room.
 - A. Introduction of Pages - none
 - B. Opening Prayer was given by Chuck Wilt, Director of the Parks.
 - C. Pledge –Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - D. Roll Call: Present: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell.
 - E. Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting – Robert Kittle moved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting of May 1, 2007. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
 - F. Presentation by Brooke McElroy for Senior Project. Senior Brooke McElroy gave a presentation regarding a smoke free workplace in Columbus and an explanation of project.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.14, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.28 (STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING) OF THE COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY THE PARKING REGULATIONS FOR CITY LOT # 10.” Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, indicated changes have been made to this Ordinance as amended in the first reading. Brief discussion followed. Robert Kittle moved to approve the Amended Ordinance. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.15, 2007, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY LEASED AND THREE HOUR PARKING SPACES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA DURING PARKING GARAGE CONSTRUCTION (CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS FOR OTHER LEASED AND THREE HOUR PARKING PROVIDED BY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.28).” Jeff Bergman recapped the Ordinance regarding the temporary parking that will be necessary during construction of the parking garage. Brief Discussion followed. Martha Myers made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Ann

DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 2 with George Dutro and August Tindell voting nay.

C. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.16, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.20.010 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE.” Steve Ruble, City Engineer, briefly stated the elements of this Ordinance. He brought the map showing the area. Discussion followed. It was agreed that Item E. of the Ordinance should be amended. George Dutro moved to amend the Ordinance. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. George Dutro moved to approve the Amended Ordinance as revised and presented to Council during the meeting. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

Mayor Armstrong asked the Council to hear Item D. first under New Business. Craig Hawes made a motion to move Item D to be heard first. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- D. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.18, 2007, RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA AND WUXI MUNICIPAL location - GOVERNMENT, WUXI, CHINA.” Jim Clouse with Community Development and Ryan Hou presented a PowerPoint presentation about the city of Wuxi, China. Ryan Hou indicated that Cummins has 3 plants in Wuxi, China and that Wuxi is a major transportation hub for China. Ryan Hou also indicated Wuxi would be a great economic, cultural and educational partner with the City of Columbus, Indiana. He stated the population in Wuxi is approximately 6,000,000. Discussion followed and several people in the audience spoke in support of Wuxi becoming our sister city. Martha Myers made a motion on behalf of the Council to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.19, 2007, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RELEASING FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF VEHICLES PER RESOLUTION NO. 13, 2006.” Oakel Hardy presented this Resolution asking Council to approve payment of the buses that Council approved for purchase in March, 2006. He indicated the city had received a grant for 80% of the total cost and the city was responsible for 20%. Martha Myers moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.20, 2007, A RESOLUTION DECLARING A CERTAIN AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND QUALIFYING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT AND SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THERON INDUSITES, INC.”(Indusites, Inc.) Jim Clouse presented this Resolution. He indicated that Mark Pratt, President of Indusites, Inc. was also present to answer any questions. The Resolution is requested in order to establish the area, being approximately 105 acres, as an economic revitalization area. Council Person Craig Hawes reported the Incentive Review Committee had met and found this request to be in substantial compliance. Discussion followed. Craig Hawes made a motion to approve the Resolution. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.21, 2007, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Big Train Inc.)Jim Clouse presented this request for tax abatement along with Kevin Simac and Kit Ireland representing Big Train, Inc. Big Train, Inc. requested tax abatement on real and personal property in conjunction with an expansion of its facilities located at 835 Mapleton Street to accommodate installation of new manufacturing equipment. Big Train, Inc. will be investing \$3,275,000 to expand its current facility by 50,000 sq. ft. and invest an additional \$2,495,000 in new manufacturing equipment. As a result, Big Train, Inc. will retain all positions and add an additional 82 full-time employees. Craig Hawes indicated the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Big Train, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Craig Hawes made a motion to approve the Resolution. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

READ PREVIOUSLY

- D. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.____, 2007, RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA AND WUXI MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, WUXI, CHINA.”
Judy Jackson
- E. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.22, 2007, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, APPROVING THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA.” (Ed Curtin –

previously tabled) Ed Curtin, Director of the Redevelopment Commission and Tom Vujovich, President of the Columbus Redevelopment Commission presented this Resolution. Tom thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak to them on this subject at the public meeting held May 9, 2007. He explained the goal of this Resolution is to expand the TIF district to Woodside Northwest. He explained the scope of the Redevelopment Commission and the legal authority. Discussion followed. Bruce Donaldson, attorney with Barnes and Thornburg, Mike Claytor with Crowe Chizek and Corey Carr, Economic Director, spoke in support of this Resolution. Clerk Treasurer Brenda Sullivan read a letter from Mark Pratt, President of Indusites, Inc. pledging support of the strategy of the Economic Development Board. Craig Hawes made a motion to approve the Resolution. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

F. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.23, 2007, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, APPROVING ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.” Ed Curtin (previously tabled) Tom Vujovich explained how this Resolution is the next step needed to help develop the infrastructure to the industrial park. Mike Claytor indicated this would be a 20 year bond. Discussion followed. Craig Hawes moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

G. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. ____, 2007 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2006, ENTITLED “THE 2007 SALARY ORDINANCE.” Bill Martin, Police Chief, asked Council to amend the 2007 Salary Ordinance to reflect two (2) part-time secretaries instead of one (1). He indicated that no additional dollars would be needed and that he had adequate money for the remainder of the year. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

IV. Other Business

Mayor Armstrong asked that a motion be made proclaiming the week of May 13 through May 19, 2007 as Municipal Government Week in City of Columbus. Martha Myers moved for passage and August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Mayor Armstrong then read the Proclamation.

- A. Columbus Transit in Downtown under Vision 20/20. Kent Anderson, MPO Director gave the Council a PowerPoint presentation and update of the transit issues for the downtown area.
- B. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. Martha Myers reminded the Council it was National Law Enforcement Week and asked everyone to thank those in law enforcement for their service.
- C. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting June 5, 2007.
- D. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 o'clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer